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Title: Need to take action against the persons involved in desecration of the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in Mehboobnagar district of Andhra Pradesh.

DR. M. JAGANNATH (NAGAR KURNOOL): Dr. B.R. Ambedkar was the Head of the Constitution Drafting Committee and has been treated as the Father of the Constitution.

In recent past Statements has been made against Dr. B.R. Ambedkar which shows the intolerance for the National Integrity and for the development of Scheduled Castes and weaker sections of the society.

Even the statues of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar have been damaged and desecrated all over the country time and again. But as no punishment is given to the offender, these incidents are happening repeatedly.

Recently at a village called Sreerangapor Pebbar Mandal of Mahaboobnagar District of Andhra Pradesh on 8.3.2008 a full length statue of Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar is damaged. The head and hand of the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar were chopped off by unscrupulous persons at 2.30 AM. There was large scale resentment among the Dalits and that led to Dharnas and road blockades. Even the local Dr. B.R. Ambedkar youth association had filed complaint with the local police giving the names of the suspects.

Instead of arresting the real culprits and punishing them the local police is trying to dilute the case and punish the innocent persons. I request through your goodself the Government of India to direct the Government of Andhra Pradesh to arrest the real culprits and punish them and take necessary steps to curb such incidents in near future and through out the country. I also request the Government of India to come out with a legislation awarding stringent punishment or life imprisonment to those who commit such types of heinous crimes.